

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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CRIMINAL NO: 09-391

v.

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SECTION: "K"

FELTON WEST

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a/k/a "Doony"

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FACTUAL BASIS

If this case were to proceed to trial, the United States would prove the following facts beyond a reasonable doubt:

In the beginning of 2009, agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) began an investigation into the drug trafficking activities of WILLIAM STEVENSON and others in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere. On July 28, 2009, United States District Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle signed an order authorizing the interception of wire communications over cellular telephone number (504) 402-9853 utilized by WILLIAM STEVENSON (hereinafter referred to as STEVENSON). Interception of wire communications to-and-from this telephone continued until August 16, 2009. Agents were also granted a federal search warrant for text messages sent to and from telephone number (504) 402-9853. Following the termination of the wire interception on STEVENSON's telephone, agents were granted authorization by United States District Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle to intercept communications over cellular telephones (504)896-

0210 (utilized by MARK ROSS); (832) 724-9881 (utilized by LANDRY GRANDISON); and (281) 302-9107 (utilized by CASSANDRA BATISTE and TROY POCHE). During the course of the investigation, agents learned that STEVENSON conspired with MARK ROSS, LANDRY GRANDISON, TROY POCHE, and CASSANDRA BATISTE to obtain wholesale supplies of heroin that he mixed with cutting agents and packaged for individual distribution to addicts in the B.W. Cooper Housing Development in New Orleans.

At trial, evidence would be presented to show that STEVENSON distributed approximately 4 bundles of heroin weighing 25 grams each to retail distributors in the B.W. Cooper Housing Development every day. The retail distributors included, but were not limited to, GENERIO ALLEN also known as “Neery,” **FELTON WEST also known as “Doony,”** KENNAIRE MATHIEU also known as “Bull,” JERMAINE WILLIAMS also known as “J-Wicked” or “Wicked,” ERROL HALL, also known as “Giz,” JIMMY ISAAC also known as “Stink,” MICHAEL MINOR also known as “Perp,” “Yerp,” and “Ashy Black.”

At trial, evidence would be presented to prove that, except for brief periods of time when he was incarcerated **WEST** sold heroin for STEVENSON throughout the year 2009. Agents and witnesses would testify that STEVENSON, ALLEN, MATHIEU, WILLIAMS, HALL, ISAAC, MINOR and **WEST** purchased firearms and possessed firearms for protection from those who would try to steal their bundles of heroin or the money they made from selling heroin. STEVENSON, ALLEN, MATHIEU, WILLIAMS, HALL, ISAAC, MINOR and **WEST** additionally possessed firearms for protection from rival groups of drug dealers. Law enforcement officers and witnesses would testify that a number of the guns STEVENSON, ALLEN, MATHIEU, WILLIAMS, HALL, ISAAC, MINOR and **WEST** possessed were stashed

under porches and in apartments of the B.W. Cooper Public Housing Development where the group sold heroin. Specifically, the area where **WEST** and his associates operated was known as “Backa Town,” and the driveway to apartments on the 1200 block of South Miro Street was where **WEST** conducted his heroin deals.

Additional evidence of **WEST**’s gun possession in furtherance of his drug trafficking would include recorded telephone calls from Orleans Parish prison wherein **WEST**’s co-defendants and co-conspirators were talking about their drug dealing and firearm possession. For example, on July 2, 2009, JERMAINE WILLIAMS was intercepted on a phone call from Orleans Parish prison talking to KENNAIRE MATHIEU. MATHIEU told WILLIAMS about an argument between **WEST** and another individual in the B.W. Cooper Public Housing project that was about to “get real.” MATHIEU told WILLIAMS that a number of the guys selling heroin for STEVENSON had just purchased guns the day before and **WEST**, in particular, “copped a four nicks.” Witnesses and agents would testify that a “four nicks” is slang for a .45 caliber firearm. **WEST** admits that he possessed the .45 caliber firearm in furtherance of his drug trafficking activity. Prior to West acquiring the .45 caliber firearm, on May 29, 2009, New Orleans Police Department officers arrested **WEST** in the 1200 block of South Miro Street of the B.W. Cooper housing project. **WEST**, who was not a resident of the B.W. Cooper, but was there every day selling heroin, was carrying a concealed Glock .22 caliber gun bearing serial number DEX 085. **WEST** was allowed to remain free on bond after his May arrest, but was subsequently arrested on two separate occasions in July 2009 for possession with intent to distribute heroin in the B.W. Cooper public housing project.

The government and the defendant **FELTON WEST** agree and stipulate that the amount

of narcotics he was responsible for distributing and that was reasonably foreseeable to him as being distributed by his co-conspirators in this case is at least 1 kilogram but not more than 3 kilograms of heroin.

Read and Approved:

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